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1. IN COURSE PARLIAMENTARY SESSION EVENING JUNE 4 IT WAS DECIDED THAT PARLIAMENT WILL VOTE ON ADOPTION ENTIRE CONSTITUTION SATURDAY, JUNE 7, VICE PREVIOUSLY SCHEDULED JUNE 6 DATE (REFTEL). ASSUMING ADOPTION, CONSTITUTION NOW SCHEDULED TO COME INTO EFFECT ON JUNE 11 (AND NOT REPEAT NOT JUNE 16 AS PREVIOUSLY SCHEDULED). ACCORDINGLY, ELECTION OF PRESIDENT OF REPUBLIC WILL BE HELD NO LATER THAN AUGUST 11. CONSTITUTION, AS RESULT TEXTUAL CHANGES AND COSMETIC RESTRUCTURING OF ARTICLES, WILL NOW NUMBER 120 ARTICLES VICE 112 ARTICLES.

2. OPPOSITION LEADERS SCHEDULED TO MAKE FINAL DECISION TODAY (JUNE 5) AS TO WHETHER THEIR PARTIES WILL BOYCOTT PARLIAMENTARY SESSION AT WHICH VOTE ON CONSTITUTION WILL TAKE PLACE. CURRENT FEELING MOST QUARTERS HERE IS THAT OPPOSITION WILL DECIDE TO BOYCOTT THAT SESSION.

3. COMMENT: OPPOSITION PARTIES' SENSITIVITIES RECEIVED FURTHER ABRASION EARLY HOURS JUNE 3 WHEN MAJORITY ND DEPUTIES THEN PRESENT AND VOTING REJECTED AN OPPOSITION AMENDMENT (IN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WHICH ND HAD PREVIOUSLY REPORTEDLY CONCURRED) WHICH SPECIFICALLY

PROSCRIBED ALL MEMBERS OF FORMER GREEK ROYAL FAMILY AND THEIR
DESCENDENTS FROM EVER HOLDING PUBLIC POSITIONS OR BEING ELECTED
TO PUBLIC OFFICE. WHEN AMENDMENT INTRODUCED BY ND SPOKESMAN
STEPHANKIS, HEATED DEBATE ENSUED AMONG 40 OR SO ND DEPUTIES
STILL PRESENT IN PARLIAMENT AT THAT HOUR (3 A.M.) WITH FINAL
RESULT THAT TWO-THIRDS OF THOSE WHO FINALLY VOTED ON ISSUE
REJECTED IT. IN ADDITION TO ATTACKING THIS ACT OF ND DEPUTIES
ON ITS MERITS, OPPOSITION DEPUTIES AND JORNALS SUPPORTING
OPPOSITION WERE "QUICK OFF THE MARK" TO SUGGEST THAT INTENSITY
AND HEATEDNESS OF DEBATE SHOWED SPLIT IN ND BETWEEN MONARCHIST
AND ANTI-MONARCHIST ELEMENTS. (AS NOTED ABOVE, HOWEVER, LESS THAN
40 OF THE 216 ND DEPUTIES WERE PRESENT AT TIME THIS CONTESTED
VOTE.)

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